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REMARKS

Applicant has canceled pending claims 14-23, 25-33 and submits herewith new claims 34-53. Claims 34-43 are directed to a pallet container which includes the inner container. Reference is made to previously pending claim 33 which sets forth the combination of the inner container and a pallet container. Claims 44-53 are presented in favor of claims 14-23 and are directed to a blow-molding process. Independent claim 24 has been retained and amended by incorporating subject matter of previously presented claim 29, now canceled. The fee of \$50.00 for submitting one claim in excess of twenty is enclosed.

With regard to the requirement for restriction which is the only point raised in the Official Action, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the Group II, directed to the product claims, covering claims 24, 34-43, and reserves the right to file a divisional application or to take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the invention of Group I, directed to the method claims.

It is noted that each named inventor of the subject matter of the instant application contributed at least to one of the claims, presently on file.

Since applicant has fully and completely responded to the Official Action and has made the required election, this application is now in order for early action on the merits of claims 24, 34-43.

Respectfully submitted,

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